

FOIA Case 02252019S104

February 27, 2019

Russ Kick
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Dear Mr. Kick:

This letter is in response to your February 24, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for a SAMHSA's FOIA request log for 2018.

The request log is attached in an 11-page PDF document. I have determined to withhold portions of the released records under exemption (b)(6) of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552). The withheld material includes personal individual information, such as names and contract information. The FOIA exemption (b)(6) permits the withholding of information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. There will be no charges in this instance because the billable costs are less than our threshold of \$25. Therefore, we are closing our file on this case.

If you believe that the information withheld should not be exempt from disclosure, or this response constitutes an adverse determination, you may appeal. By filing an appeal, you preserve your rights under FOIA and give the agency a chance to review and reconsider your request and the agency's decision.

Your appeal must be mailed within 90 days from the date of receipt of this letter, to:

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Agency Chief FOIA Officer
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Room 729H, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201

Please clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you would like to discuss our response before filing an appeal to attempt to resolve your dispute without going through the appeals process, you may contact the SAMHSA FOIA Officer OR the HHS FOIA Public Liaison for assistance at:

HHS FOIA Public Liaison
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs

Room 729H, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
Telephone: (202) 260-0793; E-mail: HHS_FOIA_Public_Liaison@hhs.gov

If you are unable to resolve your FOIA dispute through our FOIA Public Liaison, the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS), the Federal FOIA Ombudsman's office, offers mediation services to help resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road—OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Telephone: 202-741-5770; Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov; Fax: 202-741-5769.

Respectfully,

Siobhan Dugan
FOIA Officer
Office of the Assistant Secretary